

Town of Lee Recreation Commission

Meeting Minutes for 05/01/2018

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:30PM.
- Larry Kindberg, Annette Brown, and James Lonano were in attendance.

Public Comments

- Town Selectman Cary Brown was in attendance.
- Cynthia Dixon was in attendance.
- Troy Brisard was in attendance. Mr. Brisard is the coach who first reported the alleged statements involving ORYA baseball coaches during the draft and pertaining to the female athlete. Mr. Brisard has prior law enforcement experience dating back to 1985. He has been involved in ORYA since 2011/12, coaching various levels of baseball as well as basketball and football. He recounted the events that occurred during the March 21st baseball draft which was held at Libby's Bar in Durham NH. He provided general descriptions of the draft process and the parent/coach dynamics that pre-dated the draft. Mr. Brisard recounted how Dan, the father of the female athlete involved, is not liked among some of the coaches and how some of the coaches did not want his daughter on their team. Mr. Brisard recounted that he overheard a statement from one of the coaches in sum/substance, well if I get her on my team, I'll bean her in the earhole to get her to quit. Mr. Brisard volunteered to put the female athlete on his team because he wanted her to be safe. Based on his prior law enforcement experience, Mr. Brisard informed the parents of the female athlete. Mr. Brisard also recounted his knowledge surrounding ORYAs' investigation into the matter which committee was comprised of all ORYA members. The law enforcement officer involved in shadowing the investigation was also a current ORYA coach, albeit in a different sport. Mr. Brisard told the Commission that he is feeling retaliation due to his coming forward on this matter, in the form of scheduling, threats received from members of the public from as far away as Kansas and Texas, and daily contact from the media. Mr. Brisard described what he feels are systemic issues with the baseball program and shortcomings in the ORYA investigation and follow through on this matter. Chairman Larry Kindberg recounted that he had spoken with Dan Klein, father of the female athlete, who had echoed much of what Mr. Brisard recounted during the meeting. Mr. Kindberg again reiterated our Commission's obligation to look out for the safety of children in the Town of Lee and advised that he is speaking with the Durham Town Administrator regarding further action with ORYA.

February Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the March and April meetings were approved.
- The minutes from the April special meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Not available in time for the meeting; however, the Commission has not had any expenses since last meeting.

Old Business

- ORYA – the Commission reviewed the proposed letter drafted and to be sent to the Select Board recommending the Town of Lee follow the actions taken by the Town of Durham. The letter was approved and will be sent to the Select Board.
- Fishing Derby
 - Signs were sent to Mark Kustra to have this year's date added.
 - The Lee Fire Association is available to work the grill for the fish fry at LRP.
 - Advertising will be placed in the E-Crier; the banner will be utilized as well.
 - Cub Scouts Pack 459 requested to have a table set up at the event for recruiting. All members in favor of approving this request.
 - The event will be May 12th with set up at Stevens Farm at 8AM.
- Family Movie Night (June)
 - The Commission decided on Chicken Run as the movie, pending availability and cost of viewing rights.
 - Cub Scouts Pack 459 will be on hand to assist with the program.
- Model Rocket Day is scheduled for July 21st. The event is also coordinated with Cub Scouts Pack 459.

New Business

- Maximum Velocity
 - The Town's rates for field usage increased substantially this year and Maximum Velocity is requesting assistance in running sports programs in Lee.
 - The question is whether the Commission should sponsor Maximum Velocity.
 - It was noted that Maximum Velocity has had some prior friction with Town officials in the past.
 - There is a question then of oversight. It will be considered under a Memorandum of Understanding. What is done in neighboring towns, such as Madbury?
- Work Day at LRP
 - To place fertilizer at the newly planted trees, assess any dangerous conditions, and identify needed repairs.
 - Tentatively scheduled for Friday May 4th at 6PM.
- Fair Committee has asked to conduct an ice cream social prior to the June movie night as a means of fundraising to purchase fireworks for the September Town Fair.

Conclusion

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 6:30PM at the Lee Public Safety Complex.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:04PM